

# TRICARE Europe

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### Health Care Tips for Family Visits

For many TRICARE Prime beneficiaries in Europe, the start of summer marks the beginning of family member visits from the U.S. The following is a synopsis of need-to-know information about health care for visiting relatives during this busy travel season.

#### Visiting Children of Active Duty Members Assigned Overseas

If you have children who attend school in the U.S. but return overseas to stay with you for an extended period (over 60 days) during the summer, we recommend you enroll them in TRICARE Europe Prime. Local enrollment ensures priority access to care and smooth claims processing. If they stay with you for only a few days, we recommend they remain enrolled in their stateside TRICARE region. Note that children must reside with you, their overseas-assigned active duty sponsor, in order to be eligible for Prime.

When students who have transferred their enrollment to TRICARE Europe return to school in the U.S. they must outprocess with their servicing overseas TRICARE Service Center (TSC) and return to the Prime or Standard coverage they had in the states. Contact your TSC for more information.

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Please note that children of retirees who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime in the states but attend school or spend their summers (over 60 days) with their retired sponsor overseas should have their sponsor notify their stateside TSC to disenroll. TRICARE Prime is not available to retirees and their families overseas.

### **Other Visiting Family Members**

If your parents, in-laws, or other non-dependent family members visit you this summer, they must ensure that their health insurance policy covers them overseas. If not, they may wish to purchase temporary travel insurance.

Medicare does not pay for care received overseas. If your visitors are covered under Medicare, ensure that they are aware of this rule and understand that there are no exceptions.

For more information about TRICARE and visiting relatives, see [www.europe.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.europe.tricare.osd.mil) or stop by your local TRICARE Service Center.

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